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Weekly Benefice Bulletin

Sunday 8th November 2026

Message from the Rector

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We are well and truly with the season of Remembrance -the space and time we take to remember people and events that have helped to shape us as individuals, us as a community, us as a nation and us as the Church. As we remember people and events, we are mindful that the nights are getting longer, the cold is settling in, we can be tempted to become melancholic or even maudlin. The Church pairs this season with Kingdom season. As we draw to the year's end our focus is on Christ as King and His Kingdom which he says, "is close at hand".

Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians (4:6-7) "Do not be anxious in anything, but in every situation, by prayer and thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ."

As we reflect over the past year, and perhaps, those people and situations that have helped shape us for good and for bad, we come to realise that change is inevitable. I think it was King Canute who reportedly took his chair to the edge of the sea and told the tide to stop rising -teaching his courtiers a much-needed lesson in humility by declaring that God is God over all, not even the king can control situations or the elements around him.

This past Sunday we were reminded of the passage from 1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" We are reminded that we are part of the family of God, meaning that we are brothers and sisters of one another through Christ. It is Christ who connects us together and calls us into family.

Paul in his letter to the Romans 12:5 says that this bond between us is so strong "so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

This is important for us as being part of this body means that we carry responsibility to care for one another. None of us do well if someone in our midst is struggling. Imagine if you will the ideal Christmas gathering where the family come together and each has a role to play, each has a job, from the very smallest to the very oldest, even the newest members have roles to play!

Paul's letter to the Galatians (6:10) says: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

We can be tempted to think we are entitled to certain things, or that we have outgrown our usefulness, but if we stick with the analogy of the Christmas gathering we see the older generations being great at listening, maybe holding family members in prayer, we see little ones entertaining older ones whilst the busyness happens in the kitchen or the dining room, we see mid life ones laying tables, tidying up, chopping and peeling, creating beautiful table decorations, we hear laughter, stories, jokes, someone thinks of the fire and attends that, or drinks, and somehow it all comes together and we can share in the wondrous meal all together knowing that we have all played our part.

As we come to the close of one year, or an era of the way things were once done, let us remember these words from Jesus (John 13:34-35 NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

gras ha kres,
Caroline

This week's services

Sunday 8th November

Probus	10.45	Act of Remembrance	Sara
St Erme	14.30	Act of Remembrance	Aubyn DeGruchy
Ladock	10.45	Act of Remembrance	Brian
St Crida	11.00	Holy Communion	Pat
Tresillian	10.45	Village field: Act of Remembrance	CH
Probus		The evening service has been cancelled at Probus	

Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13
or readings in booklets

Wednesday 11th November

Grampound	10:45	Act of Remembrance	William/Pat
Grampound Road	10:48	Act of Remembrance	Brian
St Michael's & Holy Trinity	10:48	Act of Remembrance	Caroline

Next week's services

Sunday 8th November

Probus	9.30	Praise and Worship	Sara
St Erme	9.30	Holy Communion	Caroline
St Nun's	11.00	Parish Praise	William/Simon
Ladock	11.00	Holy Communion	Caroline
Tresillian	15.00	Holy Communion	Caroline

Psalm 90: 1-8 ,12
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Matthew 25: 14-30

Children & Young People's Groups

Probus - Little Lights: Thursday 12th November, 9.30am-11.30am

Probus - Youth Group: Sunday 15th November, 6.00pm-7.00pm

Benefice notices

Across the Upper Fal Parishes

You are welcome to any and all these regular events across the parishes. Please keep a look out in the Bulletin for news and dates of 'pop up' events to take place around the Benefice.

GRAMPOUND
Home Group
Thursday evenings for further details. Tel William 07767 203402

LADOCK
Coffee Morning at Ladock Village Hall
1st Saturday each month: 10-12noon

Bell-ringing Practice
Alternate Wednesdays
Contact Jonathan for more info

PROBUS
Home Groups
Alternate weeks, Tuesday / Wednesday evenings
Tel Scott 07576 252664 (Tuesday group)
Tel Liz 07525 456434 (1st & 3rd Wednesday group)

Tots Praise
3rd Thursday each month: 9.30 - 11.30
This is a stay and play group for babies and toddlers. Once a month we share A Gospel story, sing and pray usually with bubbles.

TRESILLIAN
Lunch Group at Holy Trinity Church
1st Monday most months: 12 noon
Booking essential Tel Clare 01872 520198

TR2 Community Hub

Tuesday 10th November
Coffee Morning: 10am -12pm

Wednesday 11th November
Community Larder: 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 13th November
Coffee Morning: 9am - 11am

Saturday 14th November
Community Larder: 9.30am - 10.30am
Coffee Morning: 9.30pm - 10.30pm

On the humorous side...

When was Joseph mentioned playing tennis?

When he served in Pharaoh's court.

News from Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union has branches across Cornwall, and the events at Truro Cathedral below are open to everyone - members, friends and guests. Thank you.

Dates for the diary

- **Diocesan Mothers' Union Meeting** - 19 November 10.00 - 16.00, Truro Cathedral. Morning - Eucharist and Speaker (Julia Jameson, Zonal Trustee, Mothers' Union); Afternoon - AGM. Please bring packed lunch. Tea & coffee available all day; plus fair trade stall. All welcome.
- 25 November - 10 December - the UN's **'16 Days of Activism'** campaign against gender-based violence is supported by Mothers' Union. Our theme is 'Together for Dignity and Safety'. Further details to follow.
- Thursday 10 December - annual **Mothers' Union Advent Carol Service**, Truro Cathedral (time tbc)

Safeguarding in our Benefice

We want our churches to be places where everyone feels welcome, valued and safe. Safeguarding is something we all have a part in and we are committed to looking after one another, especially children, young people and adults who may be vulnerable.

We have Parish Safeguarding Officer in each of our parishes who works alongside our clergy and PCC to support good safeguarding practice and those who work with children and adults are appropriately recruited, trained and supported.

Most importantly, we want people to feel able to speak up if they are worried about something or someone. We will listen and take concerns seriously and will make sure they are dealt with appropriately. If you have a concern, however small, please speak to your Safeguarding Officer, clergy or churchwarden. By listening, caring and looking out for one another, we can all help make our churches safe and welcoming places for everyone.

Generosity and Stewardship Matters

Financially Supporting your church
The Parish Giving Scheme is our preferred method of receiving regular giving within the churches of Probus, Ladock and Grampound. If you haven't already transferred from other forms of giving then do check out how it works through the link here or by contacting your treasurer.

Please do consider whether this is a good time to review your regular giving at the church, or perhaps you would like to plan for a future donation and leave a gift in your will. The Church of England has produced guidance on legacy giving which you can find **here**

Newsletter Submissions

Please send your items **by 5pm on Tuesday 10th November at the latest to Matthew at bulletin@probus.church** and make sure the subject line *clearly* indicates that it is a newsletter submission.
Thank you.

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